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MONTREAL FOR USREP TO ICAO

1. NEITHER UK NOR SWEDES HERE HAVE RECEIVED DEMARCHE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, ALTHOUGH UK HIGH COMMISSION MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHE TO GOB SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. FRENCH HAVE NO RESIDENT MISSION IN BOTSWANA. CONSEQUENTLY, WITHOUT CONTACT GROUP ASSISTANCE, EMBOFF BROACHED SUBJECT WITH UK CIT CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR HARVEY DIPPER WHO CONFIRMED WHAT UK HICOM LEARNED FROM ITS EARLIER DEMARCHE, I.E. THAT BOTSWANA'S FAILURE TO ACCEDE TO DATE TO THE TOKYO, HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS OWES ENTIRELY TO BUREAUCRATIC ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY.

2. DIPPER SAID THAT WHILE ALL PARTIES IN GOB SUPPORT ACCESSION TO THE CONVENTIONS, PROGRESS IS HUNG UP IN ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S CHAHERS WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FRAMING OF NECES-
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SARY LEGISLATION TO PERMIT ACCESSION. SITUATION FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT NEW LEGISLATION IS TO BE ADAPTED TO BOTSWANA'S NEEDS FROM UK PROTOTYPE.

3. NEVERTHELESS, DIPPER STATED THAT THE MATTER WAS WELL IN HAND AND THAT BOTSWANA'S ACCESSION COULD BE EXPECTED BEFORE THE CLOSE OF 1978. NORLAND

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